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An interim study of volatile organic chemical contamination in groundwater north of Rockton, Illinois by Sherry Otto, Greg Michaud and Jeannie Morse was conducted to determine the source of TCE contamination.

This study was conducted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in the vicinity of Watts Avenue, north of Rockton, as part of a broader study of groundwater contamination in Winnebago County. The purpose of this study was to identify the extent and source of groundwater contamination affecting private drinking water wells. Private well sampling conducted by the IEPA confirms the presence of volatile organic chemicals in six private drinking water wells.

United Recovery, located at the south end of Watts Avenue, was investigated as a possible source of contamination. United Recovery reclaimed metals from high speed cuttings and cooling oil waste from 1979 to 1984. The oil was sold or used on-site as fuel and the fine metal powder was sold to the steel industry for use as an alloy. Two types of wastes resulting from the recycling process included a fine powder residue and an oily waste water. Investigations by IEPA noted oily soil, puddles and piles of waste powder at various locations on the plant property. The site owner claimed to have not used any chlorinated organic solvents, but rather, only inorganic powders and phosphate surfactants. United Recovery did not use hazardous substances that were detected in monitoring wells and drinking water wells from water sampling conducted to date by the IEPA. In 1984, the property was sold, cleaned, and is no longer used for waste recycling.

From the above information, United Recovery is no longer a suspected source in the TCE contamination and no further investigations of this facility are needed.

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Site Inspection

On October 30, 1985, a site inspection of United Recovery, formerly Soterion, was planned and cancelled because of the site access denial by the property owner. Terry Ayers, Rich Lange, Bob Wengrow and I made a visual inspection from inside the van. The property looked very clean on the outside; however, we did not see the inside of the buildings. A sign was posted outside one of the buildings, and the sign read Volga Industries.

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